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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN ATTORNEY DECLARED PROHIBITED
IMMIGRANT

REF: STATE 008927

1. SWAZILAND BROADCASTING SERVICES (SBS) ANNOUNCED MAY 8
THAT SOUTH AFRICAN ATTORNEY DAVID SOGGOTT DECLARED A PROHIBITED
IMMIGRANT TO SWAZILAND. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SWAZILAND LAW,
NO REASON WAS GIVEN FOR THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER.

2. SOGGOTT IS THE ATTORNEY WHO REPRESENTED OPPOSITION
NNLC MP THOMAS B. NGWENYA DURING HIS RECENT SUCCESSFUL
COURT CASE AGAINST THE SWAZILAND GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS
TRYING TO SHOW THAT NGWENYA WAS NOT A CITIZEN OF
SWAZILAND. PART OF THE COST OF THIS DEFENSE WAS APPARENTLY
BORNE BY AN AMERICAN GROUP (REFTEL).

3. COMMENT: THE MOST OBVIOUS REASON FOR DECLARING
SOGGOTT A P. I. IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTED TO KEEP
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OUT OF SWAZILAND THE ADVOCATE FOR NGWENYA WHO HAS
CAUSED THEM SUCH DIFFICULTY AND EMBARRASSMENT IN THE
PAST. THIS WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH THE PREVAILING
THEORY THAT THE NGWENYA CASE WAS THE CATALYST WHICH
PRECIPITATED THE KING' S LOBAMBA DECISIONS OF APRIL 12.
A VARIATION ON THIS THEORY IS THE RUMOR THAT THE SWAZIS
HAD HEARD SOGGOTT WAS COMING TO SWAZILAND FOR THE
PURPOSE OF LODGING IN THE COURTS A PETITION DECLARING
THE KING' S TAKEOVER OF APRIL 12 AS AN ILLEGAL ACTION.
HENCE NULL AND VOID.
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